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DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

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The Search Report, performed by the EPO on behalf of the French Patent Office, with respect to the priority French application is enclosed together with copies of the three references.

The Austrian publication AT-A 367 390 is discussed in the disclosure of the provided US text.

Said three references are not relevant, since they were cited as belonging to the A category (i.e. technological background). They merely illustrate the prior state of the art and do not ruin the novelty and unobviousness of the invention.

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